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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first sentence: -

- This application is a 371 of PCT/EP9wh8/01926, which

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